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THE SITES FAMILY LINE

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From Letters & Research From Family Members

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**The Sites Family History Dating From 1727**

**JOHANN PETER SEITZ:** Arrived in Colonial America on September 21, 1727 with 4 and one half persons aboard the ship William & Sarah. Listed on immigration papers as Peter Seyts. Thought to originate in Germany. Children: Vandel/Wendel and 12 others. See page 16 of this report.

**VANDEL/WENDELL SEITZ:** Naturalized citizen, September 11, 1765 in Conogochick, Maryland. Son of Johann Peter Seitz. Early in life, prior to naturalization as a citizen, lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Strasburg Township. Shown on Tax List there in 1751. In 1776, from a "True List of all Souls Both Black & White and Their Ages Living In Elizebeth Hundred In The County of Frederick," we find (1) List made by John Miller in August 1776 (Elizebeth Hundred became Hager's Town, Maryland after 1814). (2) The following people of the Seitz family: (sometimes spelled Seitz, Syds, Sitze, and finally in Rockingham County,, Virginia, spelled SITES.)

	NAME	AGE	BORN
*	Wendell Sitze	56	1720
*	Hannah Sitze	48	1728
*	John Sitze	29	1747
	Barbara Sitze	23	1753
	Christian Sitze	21	1755
	Henry Sitze	16	1760
	Catherine Sitze	14	1762
	Peter Sitze	12	1764
	Hannah Sitze	10	1766
	George Sitze	5	1771
*	Wendell/Vandel, Hannah (Vandel's Wife- daughter of Charles Sipes, John Sitze possibly an son of Vandel's.)		

Later, Vandel/Wendell Sites moved down into the Shenandoah Valley to Rockingham County, Virginia. His will, written in Rockingham County, in 1785, mentions his family shown above. Catherine later married a DUNLAP. Vandel's Will is also included as part of this history. See enclosures.

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**GEORGE SITES:**

Youngest son of Vandel/Wendel Sites.  
Married Elizebeth Shaffer. He was  
a Gunsmith in Harrisonburg, Virginia.  
The number of his children is uncertain  
but John Samuel Sites was his son.

**JOHN SAMUEL SITES:**

Born June 15th, 1794. Died August 18th,  
1861. Married Elizebeth Henton, daughter  
of Benjamin Henton & Sarah Hopkins.  
Elizebeth Henton: Born March 5th, 1794,  
Died: June 26th, 1864. Buried at  
Woodbine Cemetary, Harrisonburg, Va.  
NOTE: Sarah Hopkins was a sister to  
Private John Hopkins, of Capt David  
Stephenson's Company of the 8th Virginia  
Regiment, commanded by Colonel Abraham  
Bowman, Revolutionary War Records. Hopkins  
was at Valley Forge, Penn. in 1778 with  
George Washington's Army. It is through  
this line that the Sites women trace  
their membership qualifications for the  
Daughters of the American Revolution.

**The children of John Samuel Sites:**

George Sites	b. Mar 1st, 1817 d. Sept 15th, 1818
Benjamin Henton Sites	b. Dec 13, 1818 d. May 27th, 1823
✓ Amanda Jane Sites	b. Oct 15th, 1820 d. June 11gth, 1855 m. John Earman, a Farmer. Six children.
Elizebeth Sarah Sites	b. Mar 7, 1823 d. May 8, 1901 Unmarried.
✓ Mary Catherine Sites	b. May 22, 1825 d. Sept. 1899 in Devitt, Texas. m. James Edmond Duke, farmer. 7 children.
✓ Louisa Martha Sites	b. May 15, 1829 d. May 23, 1909 in Athens, Tenn. m. Nov 6, 1866 to Joseph Miller. Four children.

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✓ John Alpheus Sites      b. Dec 19, 1831  
Soldier CSA, Co G.      d. May 21, 1904  
10th Virginia Inf.      m. Oct 7, 1857 to  
Virginia  
McAllister. Nine  
children. He was  
a Carpenter in  
Rockingham  
County, Va.

William Price Sites: b. June 12, 1834  
d. Feb 27, 1897  
m. Mariah Agnes  
Devier, daughter  
of Hugh & Maria  
Devier.

Note: Mariah Agnes Devier b. July 14,  
1836. D. May 12, 1880. This is  
William Price Sites first wife.  
Eight children .

Frances Cornelia Sites: b. Apr 21, 1837  
d. Feb 25, 1894  
Unmarried.

Note: All of the above children were born at  
Rawley Springs, Va.

WILLIAM PRICE SITES:      Note: Married Mariah Agnes Devier Apr 5,  
1860. Daughter of Hugh & Maria  
Devier III. Hugh Devier Sr came  
from Ireland and lived on North  
River , near Spring Creek, before  
1749. The children of William  
Price Sites and his wife Mariah  
were all born at Spring Creek, Va  
W.P. Sites was a farmer and  
sometimes resident of Franklin and  
Rawley Springs. These children  
were:

✓ Mariah Betty Sites: b. Mar 31, 1861  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. Jacob Whitmore.  
children, 4:  
✓ Agnes Bennett  
Clyne  
Anna Mariah  
Bennett Mauzy

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**NOTE: Agnes Bennett Whitmore married Charles Albert Turk, son of James George Turk and Sarah Mauzy. Farmers in Bridgewater, Va.**

**John David Sites:** b. Aug 6, 1863  
d. 1904?  
m. Allie Nickols  
Four children.  
Margarite, George E.,  
McCaskey, Mary Agnes.

✓ **William Kilmer Sites:**  
b. Jan 22, 1870  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. June 10, 1897 to Grace  
EGraham Gordon, daughter  
of Humphrey F Gordon &  
Deborah Curren. W.K.  
Sites was a merchant at  
Spring Creek, Va. One  
son.

**Frank Hopkins Sites:** b. 28 July 1865  
d. 24 July 1870

**Myrtia Virginia Bruce**  
Sites b. Oct 10, 1867  
d. Mar 12, 1869

✓ **Thomas Price Sites** b. Apr 6, 1872  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. Ida Bowman of  
Washington Court House,  
Ohio. Several children.

✓ **Robert Henton Sites** b. July 29, 1874  
d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. Henrietta Adaline  
Wheeland, daughter of  
Walter B Wheeland of  
Ross County, Ohio. No  
children. Robert was a  
Police Court Judge for  
many years in Washington  
Court House, Ohio. Moved  
to Ohio in 1900.

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✓ **Albert Allen Sites:** b. Jan 27, 1878  
d. June 21, 1960  
m. Nov 11, 1902 to Mary  
Catherine Jacobsen,  
daughter of Daniel &  
Amelia Anderson. Lived  
in DeWitt, Iowa & Kettle  
Falls, Washington. Five  
children: Myrtle, Ruth,  
Marion, Gertrude, &  
Virginia. Virginia  
married D.B. Barber of  
Washington State.

**NOTE:** The foregoing list of children were children  
of the union of W.P. Sites & his first wife,  
Mariah Agnes Devier Sites. Mariah Agnes died  
May 12, 1880. W.P. Sites then married Lucy  
Ann Dice July 26, 1883. Children from this  
marriage were:

**Mary Agnes Sites:** b. Mar 26, 1885  
d. At birth.

✓ **Isaac Dice Sites:** b. Oct 13, 1886  
d. Feb 4, 1961  
m. Aug 9, 1910 to Carrie  
Belle Richie. He was in  
business in Dayton, Va &  
was a craftsman in wood.  
Four children: Helen  
Louise: b. Jan 4, 1912  
m. Willard Wickson Peck.  
Their children are: Jon  
Kilmer b. Nov 15, 1944 &  
Douglas Wayne b. Sept.  
26, 1946.

**Francis Elaine:** b. Jan  
30, 1914. m. William  
Blaine Gibbs. Their  
children are: William  
Blaine Gibbs III b. Mar  
6, 1942, Kenton Sites,  
b. Apr 26, 1945, Ann  
Jackson, b. Apr 15, 1955.

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NOTE: Children of Isaac Dice Sites continued:

✓ Thelma Wilson: b. Nov 23, 1915  
m. Edwin Williamson.  
Children: Edwin Allen  
Williamson Jr., b July  
1950. John Dice b. Apr 5,  
1952 & twin brother Steven  
Roy.

✓ William Kilmer. b. July 1920  
m. Elizebeth Riley. Their  
children: David Sibley,  
Peter Richie, Jeremy  
Kilmer, Martha Putnam.  
William Kilmer is a  
Minister in the Episcopal  
Church in Vestal, N.Y.

NOTE: Continuing list of William Price Sites' children  
by his second wife, Lucy Ann Dice Sites:

✓ Garnette Cunningham Sites:  
b. Sept 17, 1888  
d. Dec 29, 1955  
m. Feb 12, 1921 to Mabel  
Clare Watts, daughter of  
Andrew Mitchell Watts &  
Lena Willis Gatewood.  
Children: Three.  
Garnette was a veteran  
of WWI. Merchant in  
Covington, Va.

✓ Edgar Fisher Sites: b. May 29, 1890  
d. Dec 15, 1929  
m. Nettie Seffel who later  
married David F Coubaugh.

JOHN DAVID SITES:  
(The author's Grandfather)

b. Aug 6, 1863  
d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1904? Buried at Braddock, PA.  
Killed in a construction accident. He was a  
builder.  
m. Allie Nickols (Nickolas), daughter of McCaskey  
Nickolas and Mary J Martin. Married Feb 20,  
1891 at Bridgewater, Va.

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Allie Nickolas had a brother, George Edwin & sisters Kathryn & Emma Bird. Kathryn married \_\_\_\_\_Wimbledorf. Emma Bird married Zachary Thuma and they had two children: Carlos & Roxanna. Roxanna married Peter Rinker. No children.  
Allie Nickolas buried in Little Rock, Ark.  
Allie Nickolas remarried after the death of John David Sites to \_\_\_\_\_Lyons. From this union, Samuel Lyons was born. The children of John David Sites and Allie Nickolas were:

Margarite Sites:      b. Mar 31, 1892  
                            d. \_\_\_\_\_ Buried at  
                            Russellville, Ark  
                            m. Robinson (?)\_

George Edward Sites: b. May 16, 1894 at  
                            Huntington, W. Virg ?  
                            d. Apr 11, 1958 at  
                            El Segundo, California.  
                            Buried at Collinsville.  
                            Oklahoma. ?  
                            m. Lottie Grimes daughter  
                            of Samuel Amos Franklin  
                            Grimes & Dora Hall.  
                            Four children:  
                            George Edward Jr, Franklin  
                            David, Cheris Lee, Marvin  
                            Flanders.

m. Bernice Fisher Murray  
Sites after divorcing  
Lottie Grimes Sites  
in 1935.

McCaskey Sites      b. Dec 23, 1896  
                            d. \_\_\_\_\_ Buried in  
                            Little Rock, Ark.

Mary Agnes Sites    b. July 27, 1898  
                            d. \_December, 1992  
                            m. \_\_\_\_\_McCauley.  
                            Two children: William  
                            & Peggy. Peggy married  
                            Joseph Scafidi.  
                            Mary Agnes married  
                            Sines, then Hamilton.  
                            She lived in Palm  
                            Springs, California for  
                            many years.



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GEORGE EDWARD SITES SR  
(Author's Father)

- b. May 16, 1894 at Huntington, W. Va.  
(Possibly Bridgewater, Va.)
- d. Apr 11, 1958 in El Segundo, California  
at home with his second wife, Bernice  
Fisher Murray Sites. Divorced from  
his first wife, Lottie Grimes Sites in  
1935. No children from the second  
marriage. Most of his life was spent  
in the Telephone Communications field.  
"Heavy" Sites worked throughout  
Arkansas, Dallas, Texas,  
Madison, Wisconsin, Topeka, Kansas,  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky, thence to  
California.  
Children of George E Sites Sr & Lottie  
Grimes:

George Edward Sites Jr.: b. Nov 14, 1920-Little Rock,  
Ark.  
m. June 25, 1945 to Carlynn  
Hood, daughter of S.M. Hood  
& Iva Lawfield Hood. Two  
children, George Edward III  
& Ivalynn. Lives in Tucson,  
Arizona.

Franklin David Sites:

b. 19 July 1922 at Little  
Rock, Ark.  
d: Mar 15, 1985 at Seattle,  
Washington.  
m. Elizebeth Jean \_\_\_\_\_  
of Tacoma, Washington in  
1941. Three children:  
David, Marshall Todd, &  
Linda Ruth. Linda married  
Harry Ring.  
After the death of Franklin  
David, his wife, Betty  
married William Patrick  
Suzan Jr. They live in  
Lynwood, Washington.

Charis (Cherry) Lee Sites:

b. Little Rock, Ark. Oct  
10, 1924.  
d. May \_\_\_\_ 1979. Buried  
at Troy, Tenn.  
m. Cecil Cooper. Five  
children: Cecelia, Carol.  
Michael, Al, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Divorced from Cooper.  
Later married Rudy Johns.

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**Marvin Flanders Sites:** b. Sept 4, 1928 at  
Little Rock, Ark.  
d. May 16, 1982 at  
Memphis, Tenn where  
he is buried.  
m. June Stedman (?)  
Two daughters: Denice  
& Dianne. Denice  
married Wayne Barton.  
Two children. Roseanne  
Blatt, daughter of June  
Stedman, raised by  
Marvin, "Mike" Sites.  
Roseanne & John Blatt  
have daughter, Angie.  
Mike remarried this  
time to Kathryn  
Glascock, of Memphis,  
Tenn.

**GEORGE EDWARD SITES JR:** b. Little Rock, Ark on Nov 14, 1920.  
(Author of this History) Son of George Edward Sites Sr & Lottie  
Grimes. Eldest of four children.  
m. Carlynn Hood, June 25, 1945 upon his  
return from military service in the US  
Army, WWII Europe. Professional soldier  
and Officer in the Regular US Army, 1941  
thru October 1962. Service performed in  
the Field Artillery in Europe with the  
83rd Inf Div. Served in the Korean War  
1950-1951 with 8th US Army and with the  
British 27th Commonwealth Brigade and the  
3rd Royal Australian Infantry. Served as  
Military Advisor to the Turkish Army at  
Ankara, Turkey 1954-1956. Served as  
Army Reserve Components Advisor in the  
State of Arizona, 1956-1959. Attended  
& Graduated from US Army Command & General  
Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,  
1959-1960. Served as General Staff  
Officer, US Continental Army Command, Ft.  
Monroe, Va, 1960-1961. Served as Army  
Ground Liaison Officer, Seventh US Army,  
Europe 1961-1962 until retirement from  
military service. Subsequent civilian  
assignments and employment was as Civil  
Engineering Technician. 1962-1976. Now  
engaged in the Real Estate profession,  
since 1976.  
Makes his home in Tucson, Arizona.

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GEORGE EDWARD SITES JR: Two children:  
George Edward Sites III  
b. June 9, 1946 at Ft Sill, Okla  
m. Cynthia Terry- (Divorced)  
Isabel Villegas, daughter of Henry  
& Carmen Villegas at Tucson, Arizona.  
One child: Marissa Leanna Sites,  
b. July 26, 1981 at Tucson, AZ.  
This family lives in Tucson, Az. George  
is a career Civil Servant-Firefighter at  
Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson.  
Isabel works at Tucson Medical Center,  
Business Office.

Ivalynn Sites Graser:  
b. October 17, 1949 at Ft Sill, Okla.  
m. Robert Sewell Cunningham (divorced)  
William Town (divorced)  
Robert Graser of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho  
One daughter by William Town. She is  
Ajia Rae Town, age 14. Born in Tucson,  
Az. She lives with her Father in St  
Louis, Mo. (Actually on the outskirts in  
Belleville, Ill.)

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THE HOOD FAMILY

**NOTE:** This is the family which George Edward Sites Jr married into through his wife, Carlynn Hood. The Hood Family Line is disclosed through several works:

The Tunis Hood Family  
Its Lineage and Traditions; by Dellmann O Hood,  
Metropolitan Press, Portland, Oregon, 1960.

The Works of Magdalen Genevieve Rogers Scheid  
2801 Windamere Way  
Rockford, Illinois 61109  
1986

**SAMUEL MCKEE HOOD:** Father of Carlynn Hood

m. Iva Lawfield, Mother of Carlynn Hood. Lawfield  
line is shown in the Family History compiled  
by Magdalen Scheid, above.

Brothers & Sisters of Carlynn Hood:

Eugene Hood: Of Blytheville. Ark. Deceased.  
m. Mabel Jo Wilson  
One daughter: Gene Ellen Lawson  
The Lawsons live in Mena, Ark.  
One son.

Mildred Hood: Of Blytheville, Ark. Deceased  
m. Joe Ramey . Two children:  
Barry Ramey of Ft Smith, Ark  
and Judy Renn of El Dorado  
Springs, Ark. Joe Ramey is  
deceased.

Helen Hood: Of Memphis, Tenn.  
m. Wilbur Oenning. Deceased  
Two children: Elaine Covington  
of Memphis, Tenn & Eugenia Miller  
of Memphis, Tenn.

Jack Hood: Of Seattle, Washington.  
m. Irma Huber of Tucson, Arizona.  
Three children: Jaqualine O'Hara ,  
Keith, and Karen. All live in  
Seattle, WA.

Stanley Hood: Lives in Columbia, S.C.  
m. Alvena Winegard of Columbia, S.C.  
Three children: Vincent, Mark, and Ruby.  
Stan is a retired USAF General Officer.

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HOOD FAMILY Cont'd.

Carl McKee Hood: b. Jan 17, 1924 Twin  
brother of Carlynn Hood  
Sites. Lives in Memphis,  
Tenn.  
m. Ann Buchanan of  
Blytheville, Ark.  
They have one Son, Sammy.

Kenneth Bernard Hood:  
b. \_\_\_\_\_. Lives at  
Sierra Vista, Arizona.  
m. Joynelle Jeter. Three  
children: Kenneth Malone,  
David Brian, and Suzanne.

## THE GRIMES FAMILY LINE

Samuel Amos Franklin Grimes, father of Lottie Grimes. His brothers were: Oscar, William, Wesley, Thomas, and others. His Father was John Grimes. The family came from Hohenvald, Tennessee to Obion, Tennessee to Blytheville, Arkansas, following the lumber & timber trade, including farming. Sam Grimes married: Dora Hall, daughter of Nancy & John( ? ) Hall. Her brothers were: Henry, Samuel, Boone,, Richard.

Lottie May Grimes:

- b. June 25th, 1900 at Obion, Tenn.
- m. George Edward Sites Sr, June 26, 1919 at Blytheville, Ark. Divorced in 1939 (?)  
Remarried Norman J King (former career soldier, US Army) at Ft Knox, Kentucky, 1940. One daughter: Roseanne who married Thomas Keith (divorced) then Harry Terstegge of Orlando, Fla.
- d. Apr 28, 1979. Buried at Mt Arat Cemetary, Troy, Tenn.

Lillian Grimes:            b. \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 m. James Milhorn. Three children: Dora  
                                 Lee, Jimmie Cleo, and June.  
                                 d. \_\_\_\_\_ Buried at Blytheville,  
                                 Ark.

**Ruby Grimes:**

b. \_\_\_\_\_

m. **Bus Kettinger.** They had one daughter.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ Buried at Blytheville,  
Ark.

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Wilmington, DE 19807

"The Decendants of Robert & John Poage",  
by Bishop & Woodworth

"Life Under 4 Flags in North River Basin  
in Virginia." by C.E. May

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITES FAMILY  
FROM OTHER SOURCES  
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From George A. Sites  
%Reefa Hackendorn  
Methodist Country Home  
4830 Kennett Pike, Apt 129  
Wilmington, Delaware 19807

Decendants of Johann Peter Seitz: Father of Vandel Seitz (Sites):  
m: Maria Wendsperger. This family possibly came from Eppingen,  
Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. (Between Karlsruhe & Heilbronn, S.E. of  
Heidleberg.) Children- 13: John Peter Seitz, Wendle/Vandel Seitz  
(Sitze), Anna/Maria Barbara Seitz, Casper Seitz, Benjamin/Benedict  
Seitz, Andrew Seitz, Jacob Seitz, Eve/Dorothea Seitz, Catherine  
Seitz, Joh. Heinrich Seitz, Eva Elizebeth Seitz, Anna Barbara  
Seitz, Anna Maria "Mary" Seitz.

Wendle/Vandel Sites; b. In Germany..possibly Eppingen.  
d. March, 1786, Rockingham County, Va.  
m. Hanna Seip/Sipes, daughter of Charles Seip  
and Anna Katharina (Ritter). She died  
after 1797.  
Wendell Sites naturalized British citizen on  
Sept 11, 1765. Between 1777 and 1782 moved  
from Frederick County (now Washington County)  
Maryland to Rockingham County, Va.  
Established a plantation near the town of  
Broadway, about 13 miles north of  
Harrisonburg, Va

John Alpheus Sites: Son of John Samuel Sites & Elizebeth Henton.  
Children: Nine as follows:  
Nancy Elizebeth, John Davis, William Pierce,  
James Ralston, Cornelia Caroline, Louisa Anne,  
Howard Price, Thomas Lee Sites, Samuel Curry.

Thomas Lee Sites: Son of John Alpheus Sites & Virginia  
McAllister, daughter of Samuel McAllister  
and Sarah Cook.  
m. Mary Lue Gaither, daughter of George  
Washington Gaither and Mary Matilda Orndorf.  
Four children: Reffa Lurene (Hackendorn),  
Clarence LeRoy, Claude Franklin, and George  
Alpheus.



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George Alpheus Sites: b. July 22, 1915, Harrisonburg, Va.  
m. Dec 27, 1935 at Chester, Pa to  
Dolored Isabella Piper, daughter of  
James Earl Piper and Abigail Brady.  
Two children: Joan Dolores Sites  
Whitzel, Francis Lorraine Sites  
Masurat Hackett.

From: John L Davis Jr:  
11830 Ameling Rd  
Maryland Htz, Mo 63043  
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This information covers the family of  
John P Sites Sr (1784-1853) a gunsmith.  
John P Sites Jr. (1821-1904) a gunsmith  
at Arrow Rock, Mo. This researcher  
has records going back to Vandel Sites,  
also.

From: Marvin Smith  
2135 Western Ave, Apt 4D  
Liberal, Kansas 67901  
316-624-2558

This researcher traces his ancestry  
back to Vandel Sites through Vandel's  
son Christian and Christian's daughter,  
Christina.

From: Ronald C Poage  
811 South 160th Street  
Spanaway, Washington 98387

This researcher is working on the  
decendants of Robert & John Poage who  
immigrated to this country from Ireland  
around 1734. The mother of William  
Price Sites was Elizebeth Henton Sites,  
daughter of Sarah Hopkins Henton.  
Sarah Hopkins was daughter of Jean  
Gordon Hopkins, daughter of Sarah Poage  
Hopkins. Sarah Poage was the daughter of  
Robert Poage, immigrant from Ireland.

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From: Virginia Barber  
35440 S.E. Hiway 211- Sp 45  
Boring, Oregon 97009

This Sites Historian, daughter of Albert Allen Sites, has information concerning the Hugh Devier Family. Mary Agnes Devier, daughter of Hugh Devier III & Maria Blain, married William Price Sites, Apr 5, 1860.

From: John A Callarman  
1122 Maple St  
Mt Vernon, Ill 62864

This researcher has information about the Henton Family. The Henton Family line is associated with the Sites Family through John Samuel Sites and Elizebeth Henton Sites. John Samuel is the son of George Sites, youngest son of Vandel Sites.

From: Reefa Hackendorn- Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution traces itself through the Henton, Hopkins, line to John Hopkins, Private, later Lieutenant , in Augusta and Rockingham County Militia. Served in 8th Virginia Regiment, later 4th Virginia Regiment, American Revolutionary War. Also present at Valley Forge, Pa. Later served in Va Legislature.

From: Mary Elizebeth Cherry This lady is the daughter of Wesley Grimes, brother of S.A.F Grimes (Father of Lottie Grimes). Mary Elizebeth can be contacted regarding historical data on the Grimes and Perry side of the family. Perry was the wife of Wesley Grimes, farmer at Troy, Tennessee.  
PO Box 181,  
Troy, Tenn. 38268

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Mabel Bennett Newman  
20 Tamela Court  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

This researcher has information  
about the Sites line.

Mabel Barritt  
2 Ringneck Rd  
Lexington, VA 24450

This researcher is tracking  
down the gunsmiths in the  
Sites Family line.

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FROM THE BELLVILLE, OHIO STAR. ( Printed in 1935)

WILL WRITTEN HERE IN HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA IN 1785 IS FOUND.

Vandel Sites Careful In Disposition of His Property In Lengthly Document.

Below is printed a Will of Vandel Sites, written in Rockingham County, in 1785 and recently found in Ohio. Any persons familiar with the property described are asked to communicate with I.D. Sites of Dayton, Virginia. This information will be used in a family history being prepared by F.B. Sites of New York City.

Bellville, Ohio Star:

M. Roe Sites who lives at the top of the hill, two and a half miles south of town, has possession of a very unique and interesting will. The will was made by his great, great, great, grandfather, Vandel Sites in 1785 in the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia. Mrs Sites found the will in the secret drawer of an old walnut desk which has been in the family possession for a great many years.

It is rather unusual for a document of this kind to survive nearly 150 years, but this is partially explained by the fact that the Sites' are still occupying the same farm that Mr Sites great grandfather, Robert Sites, was granted from the government in 1731. This sheepskin land grant, which was made at Wooster and bears the signature of President Andrew Jackson, is another valuable keepsake.

The will is well preserved, although the parchment is somewhat yellowed. The ink has not faded. The handwriting is somewhat hard to decipher, owing to the peculiar formation of the letters and the lack of punctuation. It has been reproduced exactly as it is written. It gives one a good idea of the life and customs of that day and the change in what would be considered the rights of a wife between that day and this.

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WILL OF VANDEL SITES

In the name of God Amen, I Vandel Sites of the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia, being of very weak in body but perfect mind and memory calling to mind that all men are mortals and born once to die, do make this my last will and testamnet in manner and form as follows:

That is to say: First of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian like manner at the discretion of my executors in full assurance of receiving the same again at the resurrection of the Just, and as touching such worthy estate where with God hath been pleased to bless me in my life, I give and bequeathe in the following manner:

Viz: First, that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and secondly I give and bequeathe unto my well beloved wife Hannah Sites a full privilege of the stove room that I now live in. Likewise a liberty of the kitchen fire to cook during her natural life or widowhood and two cows of my stock that she may choose and my best furniture, and my chest and her several suits of apparel and my loom and tackling, all the flax and yarn, woolen and linen, and all the linen cloth that is not cut up and all the day apples that is in the house at my decease, and all the wheat in the house, and her two cows that she shall choose, shall be fed in the stable all winter sufficiently and every winter during her natural life or widowhood on my old plantation by the inheritors or possessors thereof.

What legacies is yet due the estate of my wife's father, Charles Sipes, is to be the full property of my wife, Hannah Sites forever and at her disposal by will or otherwise and she shall have a brass kettle and a iron pot that she shall choose. One duck oven, two pewter dishes and basin and four plates, six spoons, three iron ladles, fleshfork, one tea kettle, and tea pot, three cups and saucers, one frying pan, a blk bottle, and all the wool, two sheeps of her choice, her saddle and bridle, and all the plates and buckets I now have, the little washing tub, the vinegar and beer kegs, woolen wheel and cards and the flax wheel.

All inheritors of my above named old plantation yearly and every year the full amount of 18 bushels of wheat, six bushels of Indian corn, and five bushels of rye during her life or as long as she continues my widow, six bread baskets and three other bread baskets as she chose, and half the garden that lies on the right hand of the gate, the check reel, and one quarter of an acre of flax on good ground in good order, yearly by inherotors or possessor of the above said old place, and shall have the liberty of keeping a reasonable number of fowls on said place.

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She shall have the full liberty of the orchard and making use of as much of the front thereof as may be necessary for her four bushels of potatoes and one hundred weight of good sufficient beef paid by the inheritors or possessor of the said old place and it is my will that all the singular and every article bequeathed in this my last will to my wife, and is to be hers and hers forever except her liberty in the house, feed for her two cows the wheat, corn and rye, fowls keeping, in the orchard, to cease at her marriage or death and further she shall have the use of my walnut table and all turned wooden vase that is now in the house during her natural life, butter and fat tub and one bushel of salt.

Thirdly, it is my will that all remaineth of my personal estate be sold by my executors at public sale and the money arising therefrom to be contributed to the payment of my lawful debts and if any should remain after paying all lawful debts and other lawful charges it shall be laid out to the best advantage of my undernamed executor toward repairing the house and barn on my plantation.

Item 1: I give and bequeath unto my third son, Peter Sites, that part of my plantation that I now live on called the old place after the decease of his father and mother or his mother's marriage to another. To pay to the other legates the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Virginia money at the expiration of two years after their decease or his mother's marriage.

Then my executor shall make same a good and lawful deed of conveyance in fee simple for the above tract also make my eldest sonm Christian Sites a deed of conveyance in fee simple for that part of the land that I have sold him described by our agreement also to make my second son Henry Sites, a good deed of conveyance for twenty acres of land, part of my tract including cleared land to extend along William Dunlap's field where Henry has cleared as far as the upper end of Dunlap's land and to extend square and straight lines until it makes up the quantity of twenty acres and also to make a good and sufficient deed of conveyance in the fee simple for the twenty acres.

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I do further order and allow my son-in-law, John Sites, to have the full privilege without interruption to live in the house he now lives in on the above said old place and enjoy the home as long as my wife Hanah Sites lives or she continues to be my widow. I further allow and agree that my son Peter Sites to whom I give my old plantation if in case he may choose to give up his rights at the decease of his father and mother or her marraige, then the executor of my last will may have full power to sell the same at public sale or otherwise and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided among my seven children. To wit: my daughters, Barbara Sites, Christine Sites, Henry Sites, Catherine Dunlap, Peter Sites, Hannah Sites, George Sites and the first payment to the eldest and to be in the same manner until the whole seven be paid and in case the said Peter Sites will keep the land he shall pay the legaties, as it is mentioned that the executors are to do as above stated, I constitute and ordain Mathias Lais Law and John Sites, my son-in-law my whole and soul executors of this my last will and testament and I utterly revoke disallow and do annul all and every other former will or testament, by me in any way constituted or ordained and I constitute and ordain this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness thereof I have hereunto my name affixed my seal this seventeenth day of September in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five, 1785.

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May 23rd, 1993

Dearest Carole:

I am enclosing information that I have developed over the years, as it pertains to the Sites Family. I believe that you will find it to be interesting..especially since you may want to carry on from your Mother's interest in genealogy. You will need to include the various other families that have joined the Sites'. You will note that I have been unable to include the maiden names of some of the wives of your brothers and sisters.

I am also sending along some photos that may be of interest. You may keep these for your albums and as mementoes of your Mom's brothers. (your Uncles).

This notice will also thank you for the invitation to join the reunion in July. Lynn and I are just not up to traveling anymore. I am now 72 years old and Aunt Lynn is 69 years old. So when you have the reunion, just show them our pictures. They will see that we are really SENIOR CITIZENS. The Family History may be interesting to all, though. I have also furnished a set of this history to: The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801. That is where our roots are on the Sites side.

Let me know how the reunion turned out and its success. My best wishes and love to each of you!

Uncle George



P.S. Thanks for your May 19, 1993 letter, new address and your splendid "Activity Schedule." I know you will experience lots of laughter (and tears) but much love and wonderful memories —